

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 593

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Maddie Sutton of Tusculum University on being named a WBCA All American.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those exemplary athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athlete is Maddie Sutton of Tusculum University, who has reached the pinnacle of success during her illustrious career on the basketball court and been named an honorable mention All American for Division II by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, she was also named first team All American by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, first team All-Conference, and SAC Championship Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, an offensive powerhouse, Maddie Sutton averaged 17.3 points and 14.6 rebounds per game for the Tusculum Pioneers during the 2020-2021 season and led her team to its second straight Pilot/Flying J South Atlantic Conference Championship title and first NCAA Division II Tournament win since 2010 to finish with an overall record of 19-4; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sutton's achievements at Tusculum University rank her among the top basketball players in the country, as she led all Division II players in total rebounds with 335, while her 14.6 rebounds per game average is second; she led all Division II players with twenty double-doubles in twenty-three games, ranking second among all NCAA divisions; and

WHEREAS, a native of Walland, Maddie Sutton graduated from Tusculum University in three years and completed her fourth year of eligibility as a graduate student, finishing her

career ranked seventh in the top ten in numerous categories of program history, including rebounds per game average and total rebounds; and

WHEREAS, for her career at Tusculum, Ms. Sutton scored 838 points in 103 games for the Pioneers, shooting 41.8 percent (277-663) from the field and 73.8 percent (245-332) at the free throw line; and

WHEREAS, it is highly fitting that Maddie Sutton's display of uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in her quest for excellence on the hardwood be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Maddie Sutton on her extraordinary basketball career at Tusculum University, congratulate her on being named an All-American, and wish her much continued success in her future endeavors, both on and off the basketball court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.